

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: February 7, 2020

Beeper

The City Manager will be on KNND's Beeper Show on Monday, February 10, 2020 from 9:00 to 10:00 am.

Oregon Aviation Centennial

Did you know Oregon's Aviation Department will be 100 years old on February 11, 2021? Oregon was the first state in the nation to have an Aviation Department. The establishment of this Department set in motion a chain of events and innovations in aviation that have since become standard in aircraft today.

This Tuesday marks the beginning of an exciting year in which the Oregon Aviation Historical Society (OAHS) volunteers will restore authentic flying replicas and displays. The launch of this ambitious year-long project will occur at the museum hangar on Tuesday, February 11th at 2:00 pm located at 2475 Jim Wright Way, Cottage Grove. At the project launch event there will be an update on restorations in progress and information about other projects to prepare for the 100 year celebration.

Please contact OAHS with any questions at 541-543-1068 or by email at OregonAviation.org@gmail.com.

Anyone Want to Go Phishing

Just this week two more cities across the nation announced they were hit with ransomware or some kind of malicious cyber attack. Such attacks are often the result of Phishing. Just this week a number of City employees reported experiencing what appeared to be phishing attacks. Here are some tips that should be used on all City computer systems and are valuable for personal or other businesses as well.

- Play hard to get with strangers. Cyber criminals will often offer a financial reward, threaten you if you don't engage, or claim that someone is in need of help. Don't fall for it.
- Keep your personal information as private as possible. If they have key details from your life—your job title, multiple email addresses, full name, and more that you may have published online somewhere—they can attempt a direct spear-phishing attack on you. Cyber criminals can also use social engineering with these details to try to manipulate you into skipping normal security protocols.

- Cyber criminals cast wide nets with phishing tactics, hoping to drag in victims. Seemingly real emails from known institutions or personal contacts may ask for financial or personal information.
- If you're unsure who an email is from—even if the details appear accurate—do not respond, and do not click on any links or attachments found in that email. Always avoid sending sensitive information via email.
- If you receive a suspicious email that appears to be from someone you know, reach out to that person directly on a separate secure platform (a phone call or walk down the hall – one of the phishing attempts at the City this week was allegedly from another staff member who, according to the email was away from the office, yet the employee knew the person was just on the other side of the wall in the office).
- If the email comes from an organization but still looks 'phishy,' reach out to them via customer service to verify the communication.
- Play hard to get, don't take the bait.

Coffee with a Cop

On Thursday, February 20th from 9:00 to 10:00 am, members of the Cottage Grove Police Department will be at McDonalds to meet with the public for "Coffee with a Cop". Come meet our police officers and enjoy free coffee and cookies (Lobby only) provided by McDonalds.

Main Street 2019 Year in Review Newsletter

The Cottage Grove Main Street Program has had a busy year. Relive the year and learn more about the Main Street Program by reviewing the Main Street Annual Report, "2019 Year In Review", on the Main Street Cottage Grove webpage at: <https://mainstreetcottagegrove.org/news>

Wastewater Treatment Plant Tour

Thursday the Wastewater Treatment Plant Supervisor, Public Works & Development Director, and Walt Meyer with West Yost traveled to Yakima, Washington to see a Bio Force Tech Dryer and Centrisys Centrifuge. Cottage Grove's Wastewater Treatment Plant currently uses a belt press to reduce the moisture content from the biosolids produced and uses a contractor to complete the treatment process of the biosolids. Staff is investigating options to processing the biosolids at the treatment plant and the possibility of using biosolids as soil enhancement locally to save money.

The current belt press removes approximately 12% of the moisture from the biosolids. The Centrisys Centrifuge removes approximately 23% of the moisture and would reduce the time and cost to dry the biosolids to the Department of Environmental Quality's requirement for a Class A biosolid allowing it to be used as a soil amendment. The Bio Force Tech Dryer operates similar to a composter using the biosolids natural decomposing process to create heat to dry it. Heat is added to the process once the solids decomposing process slows to reduce the final amount of moisture to complete the process. Staff is analyzing the proposed fixed and operating costs to determine if processing the biosolids on site is feasible. The next steps in the analysis is to ship a sample of the biosolids to the manufacturer for testing to ensure their equipment can process the biosolids. If the results are favorable it is possible that using the new equipment could save costs, reduce energy use, and create a product that can be used at the golf course, parks and farm ground for soil amendment.

Hearts on Main Fundraiser

You have probably seen the hearts on Main Street as part of Main Street Cottage Grove's Hearts on Main Fundraiser. A huge thank you to all the wonderful donors who supported the fundraiser. The funds raised will support the Main Street Program activities and events.

The Main Street Program works to ensure that Cottage Grove has a thriving local economy, is rich in character, and features inviting public spaces that invoke a feeling of belonging among residents and visitors alike. The program was implemented to revitalize downtowns that had fallen into decline. The interstate system and the creation of shopping malls had an adverse effect on our downtowns. Thanks to the Main Street Program, downtowns across America are springing back to life, and our community is one of them. For questions or suggestions for the Main Street Program, contact Molly Murai at mainstreet.cottagegrove@gmail.com

Hiroshima Peace Tree Planting

On Monday, February 17th at 11:00 am at Coiner Park, Mayor Jeffrey Gowing and the Urban Forestry Committee will be planting a ginkgo biloba sapling germinated from seeds of a ginkgo tree that survived the atomic bombing of Hiroshima 75 years ago this August. The ginkgo sapling is one of 30 saplings that will be planted on public lands around the State of Oregon between now and May, 2020. These peace trees are part of remembrance and reconciliation project organized by the One Sunny Day Initiative with the support of A-bombed Trees, Oregon Community Trees, and the Oregon Department of Forestry.

Mayor Gowing will preside over the event in which the tree will be planted, the Mayor will proclaim February 17th, 2020 "One Sunny Day of Peace," and hold a moment of silence. Following the moment of silence Reilly Newman, Urban Forestry Committee Chair, will give remarks recognizing project organizers and sponsors.

Quote of the Week

"Appreciate where you are in your journey. Even if it's not where you want to be. Every season serves a purpose."

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